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## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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- 1. (Currently Amended) An infrared sensor including an ROIC substrate and several pixels, comprising:
  - a first buffer laver on the ROIC substrate;
  - a bottom layer including a reflective metal layer on the first buffer layer;
  - a cavity for resonantly absorbing infrared ray over the bottom layer:
- an upper layer including a first insulating layer over the cavity, a second buffer layer on the first insulating layer, a bolometer layer on the second buffer layer, a second insulating layer on the bolometer layer and an absorption-transmission layer on the second insulating layer; and
- a unit pixel supporting the upper layer including more than a pair of anchors on the ROIC substrate for

more than two anchors on the ROIC substrate for supporting the upper layer of the pixel.

- 2. (Original) An infrared sensor including an ROIC substrate and several pixels, comprising:
  - a bottom layer including a reflective metal layer on the ROIC substrate;
  - a cavity for resonantly absorbing infrared ray over the bottom layer;
- an upper layer of a sandwich shape including an absorption-transmission layer having a cutting area in the middle thereof and a bolometer layer placed both on and under the absorptiontransmission laver; and
- anchors positioned at the edges of the pixel for supporting the upper layer and functioning as electrodes.
- 3. (Original) The infrared sensors as defined by claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the upper layer has a symmetric structure against a diagonal line of the pixel, and the anchors comprise first anchors and second anchors which diagonally face to each other at the ends of the pixel, wherein the second

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anchors function as electrodes connected to read access terminals on the ROIC substrate and the distance between the second anchors is shorter than that between the first anchors.

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- 4. (Currently Amended) The infrared sensors as defined by claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the distance between the bolometer layer reflective metal layer and the absorption-transmission layer is  $\lambda/4$ , where  $\lambda$  is the central wavelength of infrared to be detected.
- 5. (Original) The infrared sensor as defined by claim 2, further comprising a first buffer laver under the reflective metal laver.
- 6. (Original) The infrared sensor as defined by claim 1, wherein the first and the second buffer layers are made of a material comprising silicon nitride.
- 7. (Original) The infrared sensor as defined by claim 1, wherein the first and second insulating layers are made of silicon oxide.
- 8. (Original) The infrared sensors as defined by claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the reflective metal layer comprises a material selected from the group consisting of Ti and Al.
- 9. (Original) The infrared sensors as defined by claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the bolometer layer is made of a material selected from the group consisting of Ti, TiOx, VOx, and doped amorphous silicon.
- 10. (Original) The infrared sensors as defined by claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the absorption-transmission layer is made of a material selected from the group consisting of Ti, TiN and Cr.
- 11. (Original) The infrared sensor as defined by claim 10, wherein the absorptiontransmission layer has a thickness ranging between 20Å and 100Å for Ti or TiN, and between 20Å and 200Å for Cr.

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12. (Original) A method of fabricating an infrared sensor comprising the steps of: forming a reflective metal layer on an ROIC substrate;

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depositing a sacrificial layer on the reflective metal layer by an SOP coating and removing

the upper part of the sacrificial layer by plasma;

positioning a bolometer layer and an absorption-transmission layer on the sacrificial layer; forming via holes within the sacrificial layer, the bolometer layer, and the absorptiontransmission laver:

filling a metallic material into the via holes to make anchors as electrodes; and forming a cavity by removing the sacrificial layer.

- 13. (Original) The method defined by claim 12, wherein the sacrificial layer is removed by an O2 plasma ashing process.
- 14. (Original) The method defined by claim 12, wherein the upper part of the sacrificial layer is removed by plasma using an Ar/O2 gas.
- 15. (Original) The method defined by claim 14, wherein the thickness of the sacrificial layer removed is between 100Å and 2000Å.
- (Original) The method defined by claim 12, wherein the bolometer layer is made of a material selected from the group consisting of Ti, TiOx, VOx, and doped amorphous silicon.
- 17. (Original) The method defined by claim 12, wherein the absorption-transmission layer is made of a material selected from the group consisting of Ti, TiN and Cr.
- 18. (Original) The method defined by claim 17, wherein the absorption-transmission layer has a thickness ranging between 20Å and 100Å for Ti or TiN, and between 20Å and 200Å for Cr.

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19. (Original) The method defined by claim 12, wherein the formation of the via holes is performed by a plasma etching using a gas selected from the group consisting of CF<sub>4</sub>, CHF<sub>3</sub> and Ar.

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